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Pueblo of Acoma Welcomes National Trust to Acoma Sky City for Official Celebration Commemorating Acoma Pueblo as a National Trust Historic Site

PUEBLO OF ACOMA, N.M. – On Sunday, May 6, 2007, the Pueblo of Acoma welcomed the National Trust for Historic Preservation President Richard Moe, National Trust Chairman Jonathon Kemper, and the Trustees of the National Trust, who visited the Pueblo in order to celebrate the official agreement making the Pueblo of Acoma a National Trust Historic Site. Acoma Pueblo is the first Native American community to be designated a National Trust Historic Site.

This agreement, which was officially signed at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the National Trust in the fall of 2006, recognizes the Pueblo of Acoma as the 28th historic site of the National Trust, allowing Acoma Sky City access to the National Trust's expertise in conservation, preservation and interpretation as well as special grant funds and cooperative marketing programs available only to National Trust Historic Sites.

The celebration was held on May 6th at the Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum's Outdoor Marketplace Plaza, and continued with a trip to the top of Sky City mesa. The ceremony recognizing the relationship between Acoma Pueblo and the National Trust was held in the conventinal, located in the San Esteban del Rey Mission (1629). Following the ceremony, traditional dances and tours of the Acoma village were held.

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